

2015 Hawaii Group Tours *Preview!*

2015 Program Menu! Hopefully one of our five 2015 itineraries will capture your senses for travel adventure. In order to provide fresh and unique explorations, we expect to bring you all new programs in 2016 (not repeating any). The game plan is to offer between four to six programs each year, and Alex will be the group host. Our slate will include an equal selection of European, North American, and Adventure (South America, Australia & New Zealand, Japan, Middle East, etc.) destinations.

Final **Dates**, **Itineraries**, and **Prices** will be finalized for our *Undiscovered Cuba* adventure by the start of October. All other programs will be done by the beginning of **November**.

Undiscovered Cuba 15-day Modified Alexander+Roberts* All Hawaii group

Havana (3 nights) - Santa Clara (2 nights) - Camaguey (2 nights) - Santiago de Cuba (2 nights) - Baracoa (2 nights)

Depart Sat. Feb. 28 - Return Sat. Mar. 14 - limited to 24 seats

* A "people to people" program operated by Insight Cuba.

Back in 2013, right after Cuba opened up to the US market I was hoping to get a program going; unfortunately it did not work out. Talking with a few of my travel mentors about trying it again in 2015, they suggested I go before the political environment changes and our government pulls the plug. Luckily it turns out that spring is one of the best times of the year to visit Cuba. Since Globus has not been able to acquire a travel license to Cuba I hooked up with my old friend Helena of General Tours. Helena helped me put together both our Trans Siberia and Israel & Jordan journeys. Keep in mind this program to Cuba is packed with lots of sightseeing which will make our days full. *YOLO!*

Highlights of Europe 15-day Modified Globus All Hawaii group

Rome (3 nights) - Florence (1 night) - Venice (1 night) - Lucerne (2 nights) - Paris (2 nights) - London (3 nights)

Depart Thu. Apr. 23 - Return Thu. May 07

With a new company comes the opportunity to try something different. This journey was recommended to me by Caterina Thiel, our long time friend and one of Globus' Top Tour Directors. She also suggested adding a day at the beginning to better acclimate and one at the end to visit Bath and Stonehenge. With the multiple two-night stays in between, this journey explores the major "must sees" of Europe (especially with Caterina directing) at a more leisurely pace. Its shorter length also makes it appealing for those who prefer not to be away from home too long. The weather at the end of April is cool, and this exploration returns to Honolulu before Mother's Day and Graduation season.

Alaska & Yukon by Land 14-day Affordable Cosmos All Hawaii group

Anchorage (2 nights) - Valdez (1 night) - Tok (1 night) - Whitehorse (2 nights) - Skagway - Dawson City (2 nights) - Fairbanks (2 nights) - Sternwheeler Riverboat Ride - Alaska Railroad - Denali National Park (2 nights)

Depart Tue. Jun. 16 - Return Mon. Jun. 29

Designed by my good friend and travel mentor Todd Ney when he was working at Globus/Cosmos. This adventure has always intrigued me, as I am not a big cruise fan. Land journeys are truly a better way to explore, since many more sights are accessible. Plus this journey takes us to Skagway, a highlight of most cruises. Todd says the best time to go to Alaska is June to take advantage of the summer solstice and the mid-night sun. Remember your sleeping eye shades!

Route 66 17-day Affordable Cosmos All Hawaii group

Chicago - Springfield (Mother Road Festival) - St. Louis - Branson - Oklahoma City - Amarillo - Tucumcari - Santa Rosa - Albuquerque (Balloon Fiesta) - Gallup - Winslow - Flagstaff - Grand Canyon - Seligman - Las Vegas - Barstow - Los Angeles

Depart Wed. Sep. 23 - Return Fri. Oct. 09

Back in 2012, I had the pleasure of leading the most amazing journey along the famous Route 66. One of the highlights was our fantastic Tour Director Barbara Buryiak who brought this road trip to life with her stories, contacts, and costumes. By my standards it is too early to bring back a program but, considering that many of the famous icons of the Mother Road are fading and in a few years might all be just a nostalgic memory, we have to go soon. New to this year's journey is the famous Mother Road Festival Car Show in Springfield. Could be our last chance to *Cruise 66!*

Explore The World With Me! Final Itineraries, Dates, and Prices will be out by November

Patagonia 16-day

Modified Globus

All Hawaii group

Santiago (2 nights) - Punta Arenas - Puerto Natales (3 nights) = Excursion to Torres Del Paine National Park and Chilean Fjords Cruise - El Calafate (3 nights) = Excursions to Perito Moreno Glacier and Glacier Cruise & Estania visit - Ushuaia (2 nights) = Tierra Del Fuego National Park Excursion - Buenos Aires (2 nights)

Depart Sun. Nov. 08 - Return Mon. Nov 23

When talking to Pam Hoffee, Vice President of Product & Operations at the Globus Family, about what was new for 2015, and she mentioned Patagonia, an overwhelming feeling of adventure came over me. I had to do it. Back in the day when our Antarctica group returned from their voyage, they spent a little time in Patagonia before catching their flight home. From many of the group member's stimulating stories, one could come to the conclusion that the stop was a highlight. Imagine if they had spent more time there. When I found out that November was a great time to visit, it was

Hawaii Hosted Journeys Include: Alex Dold as Host, Tour Director while touring, Local guides, First Class hotels, Tips for baggage handling, Airfare and TAXES from Honolulu, many meals, key sights, and many inside visits.

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When the program's prices (deposit, insurance, and package) are set, you will find them on each brochure and online. We prefer you make your payment by a single credit card over the phone. The majority of the Globus Family deposits and insurance payments are *refundable to a point*. (Please see each brochure's General Conditions for more information.)

Annual Discounts! Our discounts are based on a *first come, first served* basis rather than a deadline date. In other words, guests on any journey will be able to earn the largest discount (up to \$100 per person on some programs) if they are one of the first 15 to join (completed and signed Reservation Form required). Then the discount drops slightly for the next 15 members. These early sign-up discounts are NOT transferable to other itineraries, so Clients 31 and up may still have a chance to receive a discount if someone ahead of them pulls out.

We also will pass along any applicable vendor discounts, too (like the Globus Journeys Club). Please see our discount page for more information.

Let Me Know If You Are Interested! If you are interested in any of our journeys but are not ready to commit, please let me know at alex@doldworldjourneys.com. Otherwise it is important that you join our e-mail list from our website. Then I will be happy to send you program status updates. With this new venture I plan to mainly rely on electronic communication. At this time there are no plans to be in the Sunday Travel section or do mass USPS mailings.

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